Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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A warm November contributed to the decline of gas sales by 1.8 percent from 1,288.9 trillions of Btu in November 1980 to 1,265.4 trillions of Btu. Residential sales decreased 7.4 percent, commercial sales decreased 8.0 percent, while industrial sales increased 3.8 percent. The year to date sales were up 2.6 percent over a year ago.

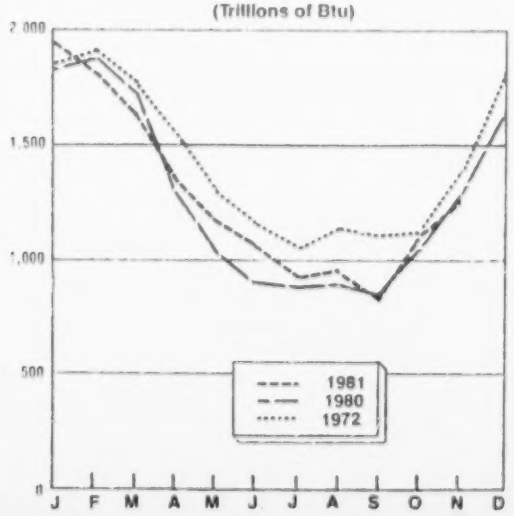
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	November			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1981	1980	% Change[2]	1981	%Change From Last Period	1981 Forecast[1]	1980*	% Change
Residential	376.5	406.5	- 7.4	4,088.1	- 1.9	4,734.5	4,823.0	- 1.8
Commercial	194.7	211.6	- 8.0	2,096.3	- 1.7	2,397.4	2,441.5	- 1.8
Industrial	670.2	645.7	+ 3.8	7,665.5	+ 6.4	8,321.8	7,862.0	+ 5.8
Other	24.0	25.1	-	250.9	-	228.0	282.9	-
Total	1,265.4	1,288.9	- 1.8	14,100.8	+ 2.6	15,681.7	15,409.4	+ 1.8
Degree Days[p] (A.G.A.)	488.0	544.1	- 10.3					

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

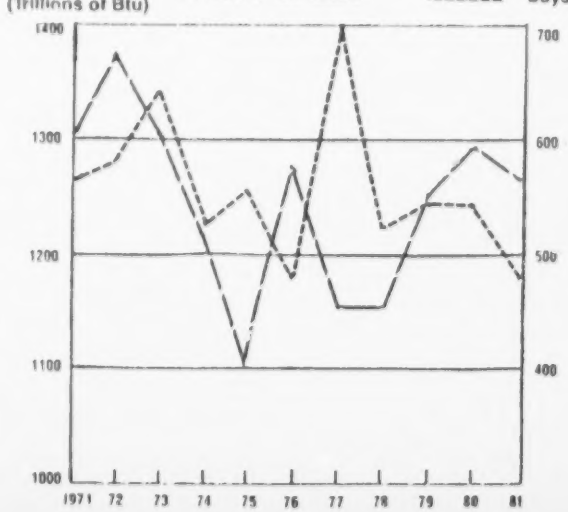
*Based on the 1980 Gas Facts.
[p]preliminary

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES
(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES
Sales —— Degree Days -------
(Trillions of Btu)



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

November

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	121.2	121.4	- 0.2
Electric	162.9	208.1	- 21.7
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	47.7	60.9	- 21.7
Electric	169.5	223.5	- 24.2
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	106.2	143.9	- 26.2
Electric	12.6	19.2	- 34.4
Oil	8.1	7.0	+ 15.7
Boilers			
Gas	17.1	24.8	- 31.0
Electric	1.3	0.3	- 52.9
Oil	8.6	6.3	+ 36.9

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

November

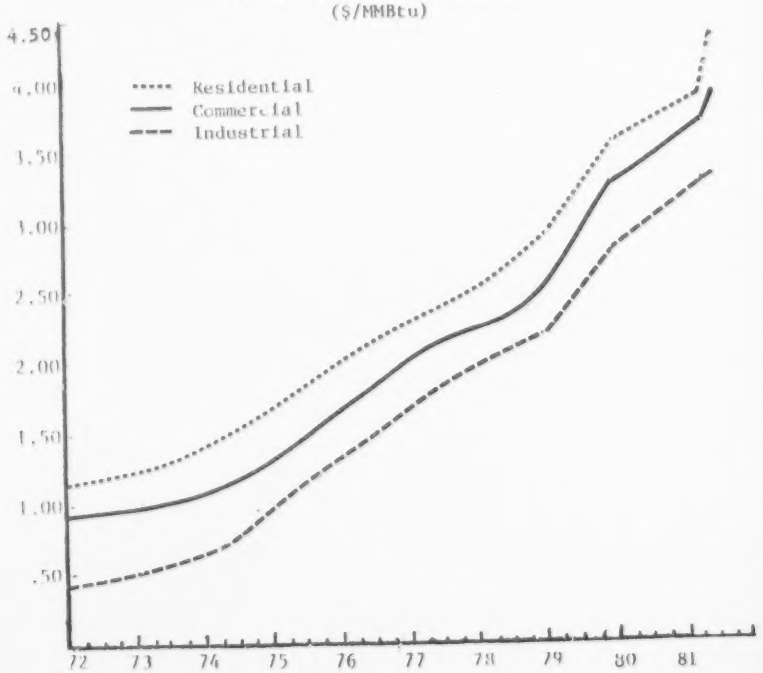
	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	64.8	112.9	- 42.6
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	437.0	379.0	+ 15.3
Electricity	298.6	258.8	+ 15.4
Fuel Oil	706.8	590.0	+ 19.8
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	109.9	111.9	- 1.8

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.81	2.25
1981					
1st Qtr.	3.58	3.88	3.74	3.22	2.77
2nd Qtr.	3.59	4.31	3.93	3.29	2.53

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1]1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.